



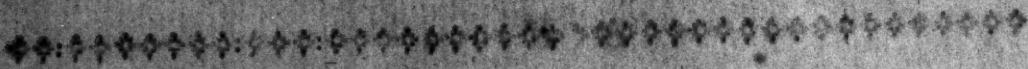
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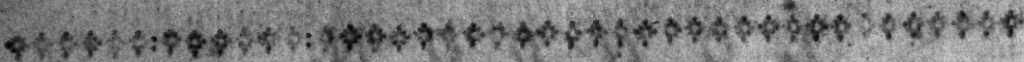
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The Argument.

ON Saturday last Col. De Veil having receiv'd Orders not to suffer the Brothers of the Cloth, as they call themselves, to meet at Hickford's Great Room in Pantton Street, near the Hay-Market, and to put a Stop to the Directors and Ringleaders of such an unlawful Assembly, at a Time when the Government is threatned from abroad and at home; Col. De Veil, in pursuance of that Order, sent to the Proprietor of that Room and his Agents, and acquainted them with it, telling them the Danger they would incur if they permitted it, and it had it's proper Effect; but a Possy of between Two and Three Hundred Persons went about Six o'Clock at Night, and demanded the Possession of the said Room, which they had hired, and being refus'd it, they grew so impetuous and boisterous, that the Person who had lett them the Room was glad to shake them off, by making use of Col. De Veil's Name, and telling them he had got the Key of the said Room; which so incens'd them, that they came in a
Body.

Body of near Three Hundred Persons to Col. De Veil's House, at about half an Hour after Six in the Evening, and knocking at his Door, the Servant knowing nothing of this Riot and Tumult open'd it, when three of the most audacious of them rush'd into Col. De Veil's Office, where he happen'd to be alone, and stepping up to him, with great Imprecations, behind the Bar, with a Tone that declared an Intention of putting him immediately to Death, ask'd him in a most insolent Manner to deliver them the Key of a Room they had hir'd in Panton Street; but as Col. De Veil never had any Key, nor did not then know any such Thing had been infus'd in their Heads, he was greatly surpriz'd at such a Demand, and perceiving that the foremost of the said three Men was lifting up his Arm to knock the Col. down, and that the Deportment of those Persons denoted nothing but Destruction (a Servant Maid being by this Time come into his Office) he jump'd at once upon a Case of Pistols which lay by him on his Desk, and presenting the same to that foremost Man, he by that means got to the Door of the Office which leads to another outward Room, and keeping his Pistol still presented, oblig'd them to remain in the Office-Room: When they found themselves disappointed, all their Aim was then to return to their main Body, join'd by that Time by the Playhouse Gang; but Col. De Veil declaring he would shoot the first Man that us'd Violence, they were forc'd to remain in the said Office, where with much Difficulty, the Street being so

So fill'd, and the Door beset by numberless Persons, he got the Assistance of three or four Neighbours, and a Constable; by this Time the Multitude finding their Ambassadors did not return to them, they began to use all Manner of Imprecations, and declared they would put the Col. to Death, and in a very short Space of Time broke all the Windows of the House, and with Stones of at least a dozen Pound Weight broke the Wood-Work and Frame of the Street Door, and with Hatchets splitting the Pannels of the said Door, they beat them into the House, and in about two Hours and a half (being all the Time in this horrible Situation) they made their way into the House, where nothing but Death was expected: However Col. De Veil took Possession of the Stair-Case fronting the Street-Door, and at about ten Steps to the Landing-Place, he placed himself with a Blunderbuss and six Pistols, being resolved to die there, and defend to the last Moment his poor terrified Family, particularly his eldest Daughter, who lost her Senses for some time. The Guards had been sent for almost three Hours before, but could not come to the Colonel's Assistance till the Mob had entirely broke into his House, and rescued the three Prisoners, which he kept to the last Moment, for it was utterly impossible to attempt a Commitment in that horrible and dangerous Situation. The three People that were rescued gave their Names in, William Davis, James Brooks, and John White; the first is a Man of above six Foot high, the other two of a middling

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The Argument.

Size. One only Person was secured, who acted as a Ringleader, and is a reputed Pickpocket, and was committed by Col. De Veil. The Damage done to Col. De Veil's House (which looks like a Ship after an Engagement) and his Furniture, is very considerable.

Vide Daily Advertiser, March 12, 1744.

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DEVILIAD, &c.

AR M S, and the Knighted Col'nel, Muse, relate,
His instant Danger, and superior Fate ;
Who fear'd no Colours, equal to surpass
Blue, Brown, or Yellow, and the burnish'd Brass ;
Who cool, and dauntless saw the *Bow-street* Fray,
And taught rebellious Lacqueys to obey :
Beheld his Dome like * Ship in Tempest tost
His Door all batter'd, and his Knocker lost.
Alternate sing (for softer Thoughts inspire)
To tender Pity strike the trembling Lyre ;

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How

* *Vide* Argument.

How young *Astrea* on the Stair-case stood,
 How she saw flow imaginary Blood;
 Call *Mavos* and soft *Venus* to thy Aid,
 To paint the pistol'd Sire, and frighted Maid.

Indignant long the *British* Servants view'd
 Their Rights invaded by a foreign Brood;
 The Vail slip'd frequent into *Gallic* Hands,
 Superior Favours, and more nice Commands.

'Twas on a Day when Popular Applause
 Call'd forth both Senates to their Country's Cause,
 Each Noble's Servants met obsequious there,
 To share the Viands of hesternal Chear,
 Their House a Senate, and that House — the *Star*.

When Flavius thus, — “ My Brothers of the Cloth,
 “ My Fellows all of Servitude and Sloth,
 “ Touch

" Touch not these Remnants, till you first shall hear "
 " What shou'd command each *British* Servant's Ear : "
 " Say, do not mighty Grievances oppress ? "
 " And can you bear, when able to redress ! "
 " Can you be silent, while the fawning Bow "
 " Of cringing *Frenchmen* makes your Service low ? "
 " * While all your honest Industry is crost, "
 " And each Emolument of Labour lost ? "
 " While base exotic Fingers only feel "
 " The once dear Vails of Ombre and Quadrille ? "
 " Perish that Wretch amongst us, who receives "
 " Commands from such a Paradox of Knaves, "
 " Insolent Beggars, and imperious Slaves. "
 " Now by the sacred Rainbow here I swear, "
 " † (That Oath, whose Violation most I fear,) "
 " Sooner

* *Hic tunc Umbricius, Quando Artibus, inquit, honestis
 Nullus in Urbe Locus, nulla Emolumenta Laborum.*

Juv. Sat. 3.

† *Stygis irremeabilis Unda
 Perquam Dii jurare timent, & fallere Numen.*

Ovid.

" Sooner these Temples shall a Bowl-Dish crown,
 " These Locks drop'd round, and all their Glory gone ;
 " * These curling Ringlets, which no more shall grow
 " The Wish of sighing Maid, or envying Beau ;
 " I'd first return, by yon bright Heav'n I vow,
 " To my paternal Fields, and native Plough ;
 " Forget to strut behind the Courtier's Heels,
 " Or swang all graceful 'midst his Chariot Wheels ;
 " † Than, as I hourly am, be teaz'd again
 " By these faint Images, these Ghosts of Men.
 " For tho' attendant on a Master's Will,
 " We are the Sons of *English* Freedom still.

He spoke, and all receiv'd the common Cause
 With Consternation wild, and mute Applause.

As

* καὶ μὴ τοῦτο σπῆλον, τὸ μὴ ὑποτῆ φύλλα καὶ ὄζος
 φέροι.

† Τῆς μὲ ἀργυροῦ φύλλοι εἰδωλὰ καμύσαν.

Hom. Iliad. Lib. α.

Hom. Iliad. Lib. ψ.

As when a Hackney-Coachman leaves his Fare,
 And turns unknowing when to go, or where;
 As when pursuing Bailiff's threat'ning Hand
 Confounds the Debtor, or to run or stand;
 As is the Transport, and the strong Surprise,
 When Light returns to long benighted Eyes,
 When *Taylor*, great Empyric, draws away
 The dark'ning Film, and gives again the Day:
 Thus sat, as Thunder-struck, the mottley Host
 And all their Praise in Admiration lost.

Till grave *Purpureus*, Peer of Judgment found,
 * His Eyes just rais'd an Inch above the Ground,
 Himself half bent upon his bending Oak,
 Three Times essay'd to speak, -- and then he spoke

* *Oculos paulum Tellure remotos.*

Ovid.

" Tho' Dangers far remote, and distant Fear
 " Cou'd never yet alarm this dauntless Ear;
 " Tho' now, great *Flavius*, in Religion's Ease
 " Secure, I feel no Grievances like these;
 " (My Lord a Rev'rend Prelate, and I hope,
 " Who hates the *French*, the Devil, and the *Pope*)
 " Yet when I weigh th' uncertain State of those,
 " Who forc'd by Fortune, wear their Master's Cloaths;
 " (To-morrow's Sun with inauspicious Ray
 " Rising, may see that hapless Man obey
 " The travell'd Prig, who bears the Lawn to Day:)
 " That curst Thought glows ardent at my Heart,
 " Braces each Nerve, each Fibre takes the Part
 " Of injur'd Liberty, of Freedom gone,
 " And here I stand confess'd *Britannia's* Son.
 " Drive, drive these Vagrants to their native Lands,
 " Their barren Fields, unhospitable Sands;

" No

" No more to smile beneath a *British* Sky,

" While *Paris* knows to puff, or the *Gascon* can lye,

The Patriot spoke — Praise thro' th' Assembly ran,

All thought they heard the Prelate, — in his Man.

When next *Cæcilius* rose, — quick from his Eye —

The Sparks of Anger and of Fury fly;

Hot Party-Rage inflames his ardent Cause,

Such Rage, as Patriots vent o'er dying Laws;

Long had he serv'd (and then with Joy he serv'd)

The mighty Leader of the Patriot Herd;

His Master's Principles with Ease went down,

And (for he thought 'em honest) made his own

But ah! what Changes will not Time produce!

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But still the Footman kept his Conscience pure,
No Bribe cou'd win him, and no Title lure.

* Can highest Worth in Lacquey-Bosoms dwell?—
The Man kept honest—tho' the Master fell!
Yet 'tis a Satyr on these vicious Times)
He eat his Victuals, — but abhor'd his Crimes.

And thus he spoke — " My Countrymen and Friends,
" Why do we meet — if not for noble Ends?
" A more affecting Cause was never heard;
" The Point is this, — must we be fed — or starv'd? †
" If Frenchmen rule, 'tis plain we cannot eat,
" Nay shou'd we mess with them — their's is not Meat,
" Soup-maigre and Ragousts are all their Treat.

We

* *Tantene Animis caelestibus Ira.*

VIRG.

† The Author is certain that these two Lines do not rhyme properly to each other, but expects that the Reader will balance that Deficiency with the Weightiness of the Sentiment.

We must (my Stomach speaks, my Thoughts are free)
 " We must have *English Beef* --- and Liberty.
 " Damn all the *French* --- (with Rev'rence to the Chair)
 " I hope I cannot damn one *Frenchman* here:
 " I hate these Locusts, damn the foreign Crew,
 " The Curse of *Aegypt*, --- and the Curse of you:
 " What have they brought us from their tawny *France*?
 " The Ape-dress'd Fashion, and unmeaning Dance,
 " The Cringe fallacious, the conforming Grin,
 " The lank, lean Visage, and the Noded Shin:
 " No --- let us rise my Friends, to end their Reign,
 " And kick the skinny Raskals back again.
 " One *English* true-bred Footman far outweighs
 " An hundred complimenting *French* Valets.
 " Yes we will meet, my Friends to fix their Doom,
 " And our * *Pandoulum* shall be *Hickford's Room*.

He spoke, the Joy that glow'd on ev'ry Face
Confirm'd that all approv'd the destin'd Place.

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No! *Bow-street* trembled at the wild Uproar,
 The Col'nel felt, who never felt before;
 Pale in an Instant was his grizzly Beard,
 He heard, he read, he wonder'd, and he fear'd!

* " *Br—n*, said he, thou ever faithful Youth,

" Whose Courage I have prov'd, whose matchless Truth,

" Whose Secrecy and Care in nicest Trust

" Have mark'd thee ever faithful, ever just;

" Pursue my Steps of Honour; O pursue

" The Path of Fame I've trod, and leave to you!

" Take this Commission from thy Master's Hand,

" Men, and Half-men, Threescore shalt thou command;

" Each rising Year these Honours shall enhance,

" Field-Marshal shalt thou be—in *Petty-France*,

" But let Ambition for a while be still,

" Forget the Fire-lock's roar, and take the Quill:

" Such

* The Justice's Clerk, he lately made a Captain in the Militia.

" Such Dangers now advance, as drive afar
 " * All Pomp and Circumstance of Buff-coat War.
 " Know'st thou not *Panton-street*, that there a Dome
 " Erst was for Mirth design'd, call'd *Hickford's Room*.
 " Where oft from *Phillis* at the Country-Dance
 " Has stoll'n to fav'rite *Tom* th' enchanting Glance;
 " Where Pigmy Monarchs tread the Tragic Stage,
 " And Milliners despair, and Barbers rage;
 " Where I have seen the Blood of Heroes spilt,
 " And a damn'd Concert was its worst of Guilt.
 " There now Destruction dwells, and deadly Fear,
 " And Dangers in their ugliest Forms appear:
 " † 'Tis now with all those direful Engines fraught,
 " That Rage invented, or that Fury taught
 " The *Greeks* and antient *Romans*, when they fought.
 " Here stands that Engine of stupendous Pow'r,
 " The great *Helepolis*, or moving Tow'r.
 " Which

* Shakespear's *Othello*.

† The Military Machines of the Ancients, now shewn at the *Royal Exchange*, were at that Time exhibited there.

" Which in an Instant from the Street below
 " Darts to the Cock-Loft Thousands of the Foe.
 " The *Aries* there, that bears proud Castles down,
 " And cloud-cap'd Turrets levels with the Ground.
 " And, O ye mighty *Græcians* dead, declare
 " What *Catapulta's*, and *Balista's* are.
 " This dreadful Place, this Mansion, big with Fate
 " The Servants make their Chamber of Debate.
 " Here they resolve"— But strait his Face o'erspread
 " A clammy Dew, and all his Colour fled.

When *Br—n* thus: " My Fame's, my Honour's Sire,
 " Whom not to imitate, were not to t'admire,
 " From your Example have I learn't to feel
 " The great Effects of all-transporting Zeal:
 " And yet forgive me, Sir, when I declare,
 " The present Danger scarce is worth your Care.

Before

" Before an Hour be past, this idle Scheme,
 " This petty Faction shall be all a Dream.
 " Let Sleep, a Stranger to those watchful Brows,
 " Your warring Spirits for a while compose :
 " Seek not to know the well digested Thought,
 " To your glad Ear Success shall soon be brought."

He spoke, and darted forth ; so swift he flew,
 That *Covent-Garden* quickly lost the View:
 With greater Joy did *Hermes* never move
 To execute the high Behests of *Jove*.

Mean while the Knight with lab'ring Cares oppress'd,
 Sunk into soft Repose, and balmy Rest.
 When to his dreaming Thought, in Brass array'd,
 Seem'd at his Feet to stand a Heav'n-born Maid,
 Hight *Bronze* 'mong't the Gods, tho' the dim Sense
 Of mortal Men has styl'd her *Impudence* :

Dismiss your Cares, said she, my darling Son,

* True Virtue unappall'd dares yet go on.

My Father *Vulcan*, in that luckless Hour,

When Dangers most assail, has giv'n me Pow'r

With Aid Divine to succour thy Distress,

And crown thy Labours with assur'd Success.

This spoke, the Goddess seem'd to disappear,
Her Form dissolving into ambient Air.

Divine *Astræa*, who with filial Care
Watching his Couch, breath'd many a fervent Prayer,
Around his Face saw lambent Gladness flow,

Soft was his Breath, and all serene his Brow.

She cry'd (whilst Tears of Joy adown her ran)

+ Sweet are the Slumbers of the virtuous Man.

Br—n, whom Zeal on Wings of Love had bore,
Half breathless rapp'd incessant at the Door.

The

The Justice from his golden Dream awoke,
Sprung eager from the Couch, and Dr—n spoke.

- " From this auspicious Moment let me date
" The future Colour of my better Fate.
" The Work at length is done, see, Master, see.
" The End of this Cabal, behold this Key
" Now let these Sons of boasted Freedom meet,
" Talk to the Stones, and grumble to the Street;
" While this is your's, no Entrance shall they find
" To that dire Place their Rashness had design'd
" Their Council's Seat, where from the Womb of Night
" The abortive Mischief had been brought to Light.

As when th' observant Poacher sees a Hare
Or Coney struggling in the fatal Snare;
Soon he forgets, exulting with Delight,
The tedious Watchings of the live-long Night.

Such Change the Justice felt, thro' every Part
Swift flow'd the Blood, and wanton'd at his Heart;
Deluded Mortals ever judge amiss,

Transient their Joys, and fleeting is their Bliss!
Swift as the Clouds, that brush the darken'd Sky,
Or swifter yet,—as swift as Thought can fly.

For just Resentment, and an honest Pride
(The Doors unopen'd, and the Key deny'd)

To Bow-street urge th' exasperated Throng,

* A Stable Phalanx, Man by Man along.

And now the Din approaches, Hark—what Noise!

Pick-Pockets, Foot-men, Bunters, Bawds, and Boys!

The Tumult rises, loud the frantic Roar;

Death and Destruction thunder at the Door.

Enervate Muse, thy Colours are too faint,

O veil those Horrors which thou can'st not paint.

Three chosen Men were sent, a better three

Could ne'er demand, or Justice, or a Key;

Sober

* *Phalanx erat Peditum stabile agmen.* Quint. Curt.

Sober and grave ; for well the Cheistains knew,
Passion might fail, calm Reason must subdue.

Three Hours had pass'd, all waited at the Door,
But saw their sage Ambassadors no more.

Flavius had stiff'd his Resentment long,
Flavius, the first and bravest of the Throng ;
Till his big Heart unable to contain
Its Rage, burst forth, and thus the Chief began,
Gods! whence this Tameness, whence this abject Fear?

* As if the first were hardly worth our Care,
Must we, my Friends, this second Insult bear?
Detain our Messengers, without a Cause!
A Violation 'tis of Nations Laws.

Henceforth all Order in Confusion die,
Perish the sacred Name of Embassy.
Had our Fore-fathers thus inglorious stood,
When War presented wide the Scene of Blood;

They

* *Rapta semel, videor his quoque digna rapi?* Ovid. Epist.

They ne'er from *Apollonia* and *Cressy's Field*;
 Had brought th' indented *Heim*, and batter'd *Shield*;
 Rouze, rouze at once, 'tis Liberty commands,
 Our Friends imprison'd call your tardy Hands;
 Bear down the Gates, be the Assault began,
 Force we a Passage to this treacherous Man;
 Let ev'ry *British Heart* and Hand comply
 To bring forth our Ambassadors, or die.
 The Chief scarce ended, when tumultuous flew
 Sticks Stones, Potatoes from the motley Crew,
 And Brickbats ever mark'd with Bloody Hue:
 Dreadful! as if th' Antipodes had hurl'd
 War and fell Vengeance from the nether World.

The direful Din pierc'd young *Astraea's Ears*,
 A Nymph of heav'nly Mould, unus'd to Fears:
 Before her awful Sire she oft had seen
 The Derby Captain, and the drunken Quean.

Calm

Janque Faces & saxa volant, Furor Arma Ministrat.

Ving.

Calm and serene the Mistimus had read,
 When Heads were broken, and when Noses bled,
 But this, a Shock so dreadful, as might make
Bonduca tremble, or *Thalysiris* quake.
 Shrieking from Room to Room she forc'd her Way,
 Nor knew she how to fly, nor where to stay.
 Thrice from her Cheeks th' affrighted Blood retir'd,
 The Lilly faded, and the Rose expir'd.
 Speak now, my Muse, in tenderest Words express
 The wild Confusion and the deep Distress.
 The Justice felt, his agonising Cares,
 Much for himself, but more for her he fears.
 Alike by Glory and Affection tost,
 And half the Hero in the Father lost.

When in an Instant enter'd all serene
 Bronze, to ev'ry Eye but his unseen;
 Three times the Goddess with uplifted Hand,
 Wav'd o'er the Desk her brazen Magic Wand:

Instant

Instant each Pen and Quill a Pistol was,
 And the wide Pen-case turn'd a Blunderbuss.
 Thus greatly arm'd uprose the doughty Chief,
 Resolv'd to die, or bring the Fair Relief.
 Firm on the Stair-case stood, confest to View,
 The Doors burst open; and the Footmen flew.
 Nor unrewarded was this God-like Deed,
 The Royal Sword wav'd glorious o'er his Head;
 New Honours on his crested Helm alight,
 He kneel'd a Col'nel, and he rose a Knight.
 † Illustrious Chief, whose Triumphs to rehearse
 Shall be the constant Labour of my Verse,
 Long live and flourish, live this warlike Feat,
 While Rogues and Judges at Old Bailey meet,
 Till Paddingtonian Tripes cease to groan
 For Thieves unborn, and Traytors yet unknown.

*Siquid mea Carmina possunt
 Nulla dies unquam, &c.*

F I N I S.